sensitize the international community on the need for global ation to counter the scourge of terrorism.

(c) Yes, Sir. India and the U.K. have jointly announced **the** launch of the Indo-British Round Table. This would be a high level non-governmental group comprising of eminent personalities from both countries. The exact dates for the launch of the Round Table, an event that will take place in India, are being finalised.

Government's policy Regarding Pakistan

807. SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed its policy of not having talks with the military regime of Pakistan;

(b) if so, what is the revised policy; and

(c) what steps have since been taken in the light thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH : (a) to (c) Government continue to be of the view that a process of dialogue with Pakistan necessarily requires the cessation of cross border terrorism and the abandonment of hostile propaganda by Pakistan as essential ingredients in the creation of a suitable environment.

Pakistan's Reaction to Indian demands regarding plane Hijacking

808. SHRI CM. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what was Pakistan Government's reaction to Indian demand for declaring Pakistan as a terrorist State in the light of the hijack drama of IC-814 by Pakistan Militants on last Christmas eve; and

(b) what steps have been taken by Government in the light thereof, not only to bring the hijackers to justice but also to remove the misgivings about India being a soft target?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFIARS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) and '(b) The Government of Pakistan